The Matrix

The matrix is basically a virtual world that has been created by a new race of machines that are currently taking over the world. It was made to manipulate the humans into thinking that they were in a real world while the machines bred and used them as a source of energy.

The main character in the movie was a man named Neo. Neo is approached by another man named Morpheus who uses reasoning to try and convince him that the Matrix is not the real world. He offers Neo the chance of experiencing the real world by taking a red pill or waking up the next day only to continue living his normal life (blue pill). By Neo taking the red pill this showed that he knew that he knew nothing but wanted to find out. Neo in this situation can be likened to Socrates.

After Neo finally wakes up in this new/real world he must now decide whether to believe it or not. Morpheus decides that it may be easier to make Neo believe by using a specific way of knowing (WOK). He uses **sense perception** when he shows Neo another virtual simulation that’s very similar to the matrix and by showing him a clear image of the real world through a TV but even with all this evidence Neo still had to believe that what he was being told was true. As far as he knew this new world could have just been another level in the matrix. What is "real"? How do you define "real"? If you're talking about what you can feel, what you can smell, what you can taste and see, then "real" is simply electrical signals interpreted by your brain... Morpheus tries to reason with Neo that what he thought was “real” was far from it.

In conclusion I feel that “real” is whatever you choose for it to be. Similarly another character named Cypher chose to believe the matrix was real even though he was shown the real world. Another thing to think about is the matrix being a simulation. Could the life we live right now be part of a Matrix? Is the absence of evidence really the evidence of absence?